



Friday 14th October 2016

This is the latest newsletter from your favourite school. Please note that the school will be partially closed to KS2 on Friday 11th November 2016.

New Build and Partial Closure

I am sure you will be pleased to know that the new build is racing ahead and is nearing completion. This will be a wonderful asset for the school and whole community. There will be naturally a lot of work to do for the school to make the new facility ready for use. So on **Friday 11th November** the school will be partially closed so that we will be able to get ready to go into our new school. This means that on Friday 11th November Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will not be expected to come to school – as these children occupy the space we need to move to. The rest of the school will be expected to come in as normal.

Year 6 Trip – Safety in Action

The Year 6 boys and girls went out on a trip on Wednesday – they went to a Safety in Action Event. The children learnt how to stay safe in a world that at times feels dangerous. They did a range of activities that helped them to reflect on safety and good choices. For instance, they learnt how to phone the fire brigade in an emergency, by actually making an emergency call. The children also learnt about the dangers of alcohol. The children really enjoyed the event and thank you to the Year 6 team for organising it.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place over two evenings:

Tuesday 8th November 3.30-6pm

Thursday 10th November 3.30 – 6pm

This year we are trying out a new booking system that is used in a number of local schools. On **Wednesday 3rd November and Thursday 4th November**, you will be able to sign up for an appointment with your child's teacher. The booking sheets will be set out in the playground at the beginning and end of each day (Wednesday 3rd November and Thursday 4th November), for you to choose a time slot that is convenient with you. If the times of 3.30 – 6.00 are not suitable, please speak to your child's teacher to arrange an alternative appointment. This is a trial system to try to make things easier and more efficient. We would welcome your feedback afterwards to see if that was achieved.

Staff INSET in November

This is another reminder that there is staff INSET on Friday 25th November, so the school will be closed on that day. This will be part of the INSET programme for the academic year.

Healthy Lunches

I would like to take the chance to remind you about children's packed lunches. An increasing number of children have been spotted eating chocolate bars or similar. We are trying to discourage such foods in our school lunch boxes and hope this will be respected.

Attendance

The attendance and punctuality of pupils at Shinewater needs to improve. The vast majority of our community send children to school on time and never miss a day. However, it is really important that all children come to school regularly and on time.

These are the top classes for this week:

Position	Class	Percentage Score
1.	Foxes 2JM	99.2 %
2.	Willow 4ZL	98.7 %
3.	Squirrels RJD	98.3 %
4.	Ash 4FC & Robins IJH	97.2 %

Important School Dates (this will be updated regularly)...

Friday 21st October – Year 2 visit St Luke’s Church

Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October - Autumn Half Term

Monday 31st October – School returns

Wednesday 3rd November – Book up slots for Parents’ Evening

Thursday 4th November – Book up slots for Parents’ Evening

Tuesday 8th November – Parent Evening – 3.30 – 6.00 pm

Thursday 10th November – Parent Evening – 3.30 – 6.00pm

Friday 11th November – Partial School Closure – Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 – do not come to school

Tuesday 22nd November 2016 at 4.30 pm – New Reception meeting for parents

Friday 25th November – Training Day – children not at school

Thursday 22nd December – Monday 2nd January - Christmas Break

Tuesday 3rd January – School returns